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Governor's Commission on Minority and Women's Business Enterprises
Monday, December 10, 2007
MINUTES

The Governor's Commission on Minority and Women's Business Enterprises met on December 10, 2007 at 1:00 pm in the Government Center South, Conference Room A, Indianapolis, IN

Handouts

The Minority and Women's Business Enterprises (MWBE) staff distributed several handouts to the commissioners prior to the start of the meeting.

Roll Call

Commission members present:

Marcia Duncan
Bill Harmon, Harmon Construction
Tony Kirkland, Office of Governor Mitchell E. Daniels
Rae Pearson, Alpha Rae Personnel
Martha Kenley for Karl Browning, Commissioner INDOT, (non-voting)
Mike Madrid, Highway Safety
Lisa Spalding for Nate Feltman, Indiana Economic Development Corporation
Sarah Taylor, eGov Partners
Sylvia Trotter, Trotter Construction
Gilbert Velez, G&M Training & Services, LLC.

Commission members absent:

Jean Breaux, Indiana State Senator
Cleo Duncan, Indiana State Representative
Angela Faulkner, Faulkner Strategies
Carrie Henderson, Commissioner, Indiana Department of Administration
Greg Porter, Indiana State Representative

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:14 p.m. by Chairman Kirkland. Quorum was established.

Welcome

Chairman Kirkland welcomed the Commission members and attendees and asked everyone to sign-in before leaving the meeting.

Adoption of Minutes:

Commissioner Taylor moved, Second by Commissioner Velez, to approved and adopt the minutes from the following meetings:

June 11, 2007

August 20, 2007

September 10, 2007

The motion was unanimously passed.

New Business

The following reports were presented by the staff of the Minority and Women's Business Enterprises Division (see handouts):

- a. Deputy Commissioner's Report, Deputy Commissioner Claudia Cummings
- b. MBEC Report, Reppard Horne, Executive Director, MBEC
- c. Utilization Report, Natalee Summers, Deputy Director of Business Development
 - i. Commissioner Taylor inquired about the information they need to know from the utilization reports; Deputy Director Summers clarified and illustrated how to interpret the report; Deputy Commissioner Cummings also noted the increase in MWBE utilization by agencies and prime contractors on the reports.
- d. Certification Report, Stacy Shew, Deputy Director of Certifications and Operations
- e. Outreach Update, Nicole Hawkins, Outreach Manager

Non-Profit Update

- Deputy Director Shew and Deputy Commissioner Cummings provide an update on the status of certifying non-profit entities (see handouts). Deputy Commissioner Cummings also provided an overview of the certification process with regard to non-profits seeking certification.
- Commissioner Pearson suggested a decision be reached in order for the process to be efficient. Discussion took place about the current process.
- Commissioner Taylor made a motion with regard to the following policy recommendation:
 1. Non-profits may be certified if no existing certified for-profit performs work in the same area
 2. Currently certified non-profits may remain certified without interruption and without automatic scrutiny regarding competition.
 3. If a for-profit believes that a grandfathered non-profit is impeding competition, they may file a request for the division to investigate and possibly revoke the non-profit's certification.Commissioner Velez provide a second to the motion. The Commission unanimously voted to pass this motion.

Commission Update

- Commissioner Velez announced that BP will be looking for MWBEs in NW Indiana for minority contracting opportunities.
- Commissioner Pearson announced her involvement in a panel discussion to accelerate women in business.

Public Comments

Florence Onuche expressed her support of the non-profit certification policy recommendation that was passed.

Adjournment

Commissioner Harmon moved that the meeting be adjourned at 2:07 p.m. Second by Commissioner Pearson.

Respectfully submitted,
Nicole Hawkins,
Commission Secretary